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TO AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

INFO AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, HO

SUBJECT: PRICE & AVAILABILITY DATA FOR GOH

REFERENCE: A) USMILGP MESSAGE 292253Z OCT 73; B) LETTER
OF 18 SEPT 73, USMILGP-USAMC; C) STATE 151103;

1. DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO PROVIDING P&A DATA TO
THE GOH WITH THE FOLLOWING CAVEATS: A) PROVISION OF P&A
DATA IS NOT, REPEAT NOT, AN OFFER TO SELL; B) GOH SHOULD
BE MADE AWARE THAT IN THE EVENT A REQUEST TO PURCHASE IS
RECEIVED BY THE USG, UNDER THE EVENHANDEDNESS APPROACH WE
WILL INFORM THE GOES THAT THE USG IS PREPARED TO SELL IT
EQUIVALENT EQUIPMENT IF DESIRED; C) WE ARE STILL NOT IN
A POSITION TO DISCUSS FMS CREDIT (REF. C). DOD WILL MAKE
P&A DATA AVAILABLE TO GOH THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS.

2. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS HONDURAN ARMED
FORCES DESIRE TO MODERNIZE AND STANDARDIZE WEAPONS.

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HOWEVER, THE QUANTITY INVOLVED IN THE CURRENT CASE IS SUCH

AS TO RAISE A QUESTION AS TO THE PURPOSE OF THE WEAPONS. THUS, EMBASSY SHOULD REMIND THE GOH TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN MAKING DECISIONS ON ARMS PURCHASES THAT THE USG IS OBLIGED TO MAKE A SIMILAR OFFER OF EQUIPMENT TO THE GOES. THE DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED, AS THE GOH SHOULD BE, ABOUT POSSIBLE GOES REACTION WHEN INFORMED OF GOH PLANS TO PURCHASE LARGE QUANTITY OF INFANTRY WEAPONS AT THE PRESENT SENSITIVE PERIOD OF NEGOTIATIONS. EMBASSY SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT THE USG WILL NOT GET INVOLVED IN MILITARY SALES TRANSACTIONS WHICH MIGHT JEOPARDIZE THE ONGOING PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FROM THE EMBASSY THE GOH'S ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECTS PURCHASE OF THIS EQUIPMENT MAY HAVE ON RELATIONS WITH THE GOES AND PARTICULARLY ON THE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. WITH REGARD TO MODERNIZATION QUESTION, DEPARTMENT RECORDS INDICATE THE GOH HAS PURCHASED THE FOLLOWING ARMS SINCE JULY 1969:

WEAPON	QUANTITY	SOURCE	ACQUIRED
RIFLES: 7.62MM			
NATO G-3	5,800	PORTUGAL	SPRING 70
7.62MM FN	2,000	BELGIUM	SPRING 69
7.62MM			
MAUSER	1,000	SPAIN	

MORTARS: 120MM			
	26	SPAIN	
120MM	6	FRANCE	
81MM	42	FRANCE	
60MM	6	PORTUGAL	

HOWITZERS:			
105MM(M1943)	8	SPAIN	SPRING 70

SUBMACHINEGUNS:			
9MM UZI	100	BELGIUM	69

MACHINEGUNS:			
7.62 SIG (MAG)	100	BELGIUM	69
HECKLER & KOCH			
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WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION COMMENTS ON CURRENT CONDITION OF THESE WEAPONS AND HOW, IF AT ALL, MODERNIZATION PLANS SQUARE WITH SUCH RECENT ACQUISITIONS. RUSH

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